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IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

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17 A nasal dilator (capable of introducing separating stresses in outer wall tissues of a human nose), comprising:

a truss having a pair of spaced apart end surfaces terminated by end edges at opposite ends of said truss (such that if said spaced apart end surfaces are forced toward one another from initial positions to substantially reduce said spacing therebetween by a spacing reduction force external to said truss, restoring forces result in said truss sufficient to restore a substantial fraction of said spacing between said end surfaces absent such spacing reduction forces); and

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an engagement means adhered to said end surfaces (and capable of engaging exposed surfaces of such outer wall tissues sufficiently to remain so engaged against said restoring forces); said pair of end surfaces with said engagement means adhered thereto each including surfaces of a corresponding pair of extensions with said extensions in a said pair thereof